



WRAXALL YARD

Installing seven Neo Rooflights into a Double Roman clay tile roof with exposed beams.

Stonewood Builders, working with Clementine Blakemore Architects, converted and rebuilt a collection of derelict barns for Wraxall Yard, a not-for-profit organisation, run by father-daughter team, Nick and Katie Read.

Situated in the heart of the West Country and surrounded by rolling fields, wetlands and a riverbank, Wraxall Yard is a fully accessible educational farm, community space and collection of holiday cottages. The philosophy behind the project was to create an inclusive but authentic setting that sympathetically restored the buildings, retaining their agricultural aesthetic and blending into the West Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where Wraxall Yard is located.

The installation of rooflights presented a strong solution to achieving natural light in this heritage agricultural building. The rooflights play an instrumental role in creating cross ventilation in conjunction with the doors, ensuring spaces were light and bright, providing an airy and comfortable environment for all users and guests.

After consultation with planners, the architect specified 11 neo rooflights. These were installed by Stonewood Builders into a Double Roman clay tile roof, with added insulation. The technical team at The Rooflight Co supported the builders with purlin size and placement to ensure the rooflights were installed smoothly within the exposed structural beam.

Motorised opening rooflights with rain sensors fit perfectly with the project's goal

of ensuring accessibility for all. In addition, the jamb motors provide an unobstructed view out of the rooflight when in the open position, allowing for full enjoyment of the beautiful setting. As the beams were exposed, Stonewood Builders cleverly used galvanised steel to hide the wiring, adding to the high-tech specification and industrial feel of the building.

Contractor:

[Stonewood Builders](#)

Architect:

[Clementine Blakemore Architects](#)

Awards:

2023 MacEwen Award
(highly commended)
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